

LIAISON /

*State to*

APR 13 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Allan Evans

ATTENTION : Mr. Philip Trezise


SUBJECT : Informal Reply to OIR's Comments on CIA/RR DM-383

1. I was very pleased that Phil Trezise felt free to pass copies of OIR comments on the subject paper to me along with copies of Mose Harvey's covering memorandum to you. This gave my people an opportunity to find out the reasoning which lay behind the feeling that seems to be held by OIR that there is basic disagreement between our respective economists in regard to trends in Soviet economic policy. Now I feel that little real disagreement in fact exists and that the obvious differences of view are minor and in part the result of misinterpretation of some of our statements.

2. It does seem to me that Mose Harvey was a little heavy-handed in contesting our unfortunate choice of language in using the word "reversal" when a reading of the remainder of DM-383 clearly supports his contention that Soviet policy continues to emphasize growth of heavy industry even while increasing emphasis on consumer industries.

3. Enclosed are some comments by my people in support of DM-383 and I hope that these will clear up current misunderstandings.

4. If there are additional points which need further attention, I suggest our respective analysts get together.

  
OTTO E. GUTHRE  
Assistant Director  
Research and Reports

25X1A

Enclosure